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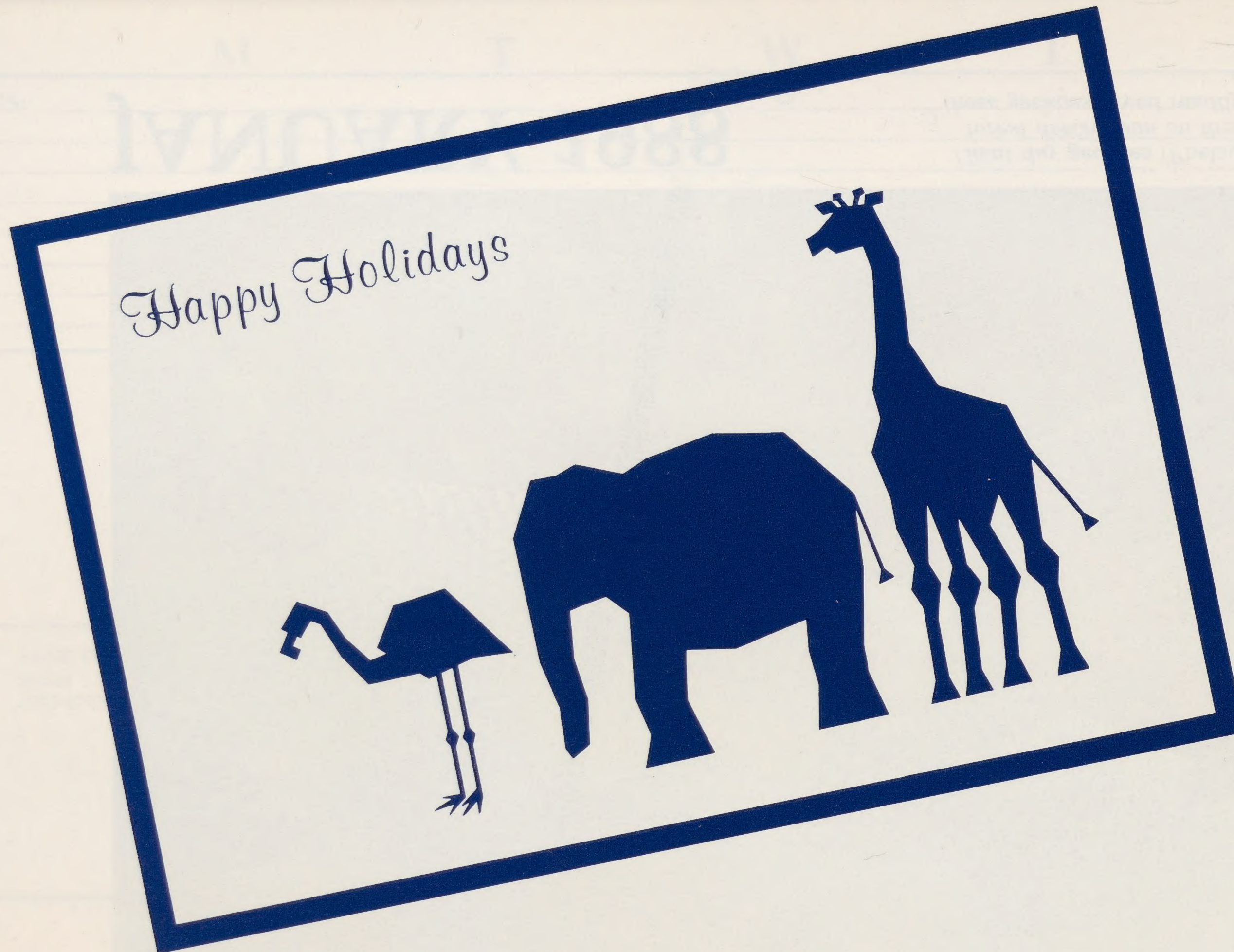
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The toucan is a spectacular resident of the Brazilian rainforest—and of the National Zoo's Bird House. Photo by Jessie Cohen, NZP Graphics.

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**JANUARY 1988**

*Giant day geckoes (Phelsuma madagascariensis) are threatened by forest destruction on their native island of Madagascar. However, these geckoes breed readily at the National Zoo, where they can be seen walking the walls of their enclosure.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> SANZ Film Series (673-4717)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Winter Classes for Children Begin
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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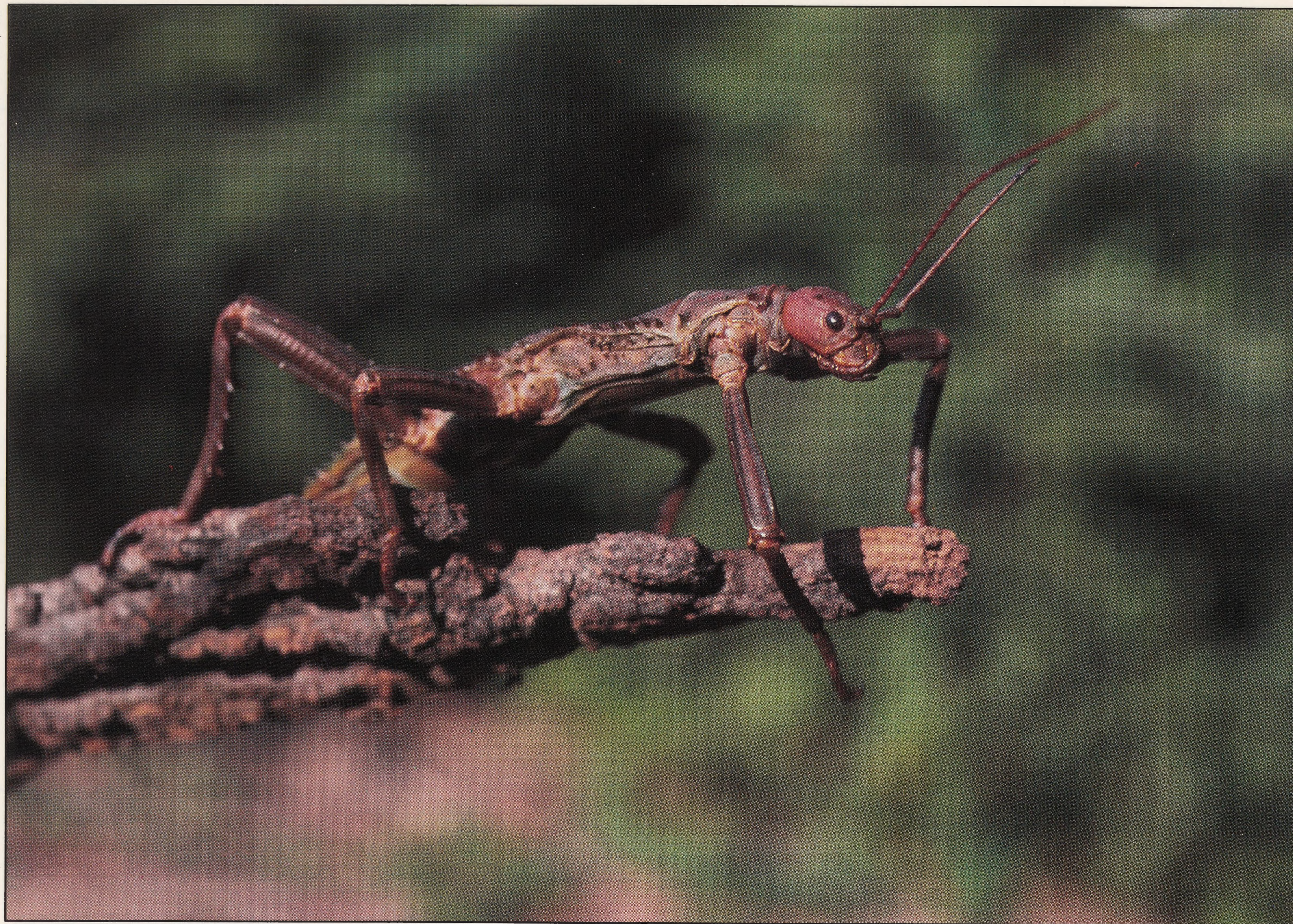
**FEBRUARY 1988**

*Orangutans (Pongo pygmaeus) are the most solitary of the great apes. Except for mothers with young, they live alone in the remote jungles of Indonesia and Malaysia. Even when an abundant fruit crop attracts several orangs to the same tree, social exchanges are few.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day  SANZ Film Series (673-4717)	15 Washington's Birthday (observed)	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 FONZ Seasonal Jobs Available (673-4640)	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____				





**MARCH 1988**

*The New Guinea giant stick insect's (Eurycantha horrida) first line of defense against predation is to freeze so that it looks like a piece of tree bark. If the deception fails, the insect goes on the offensive and emits a foul odor to deter the predator.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Seal Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 SANZ Film Series (673-4717)	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Palm Sunday	28	29	30	31	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	





**APRIL 1988**

*The golden lion tamarin's (Leontopithecus r. rosalia) future in zoos is secure, but the species' survival in the wild depends on the preservation of the endangered coastal forests of Brazil. Saving sufficient contiguous habitat for the golden lion tamarin will in turn aid in the conservation of thousands of other species.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____					<b>1</b> Good Friday	<b>2</b> Passover
<b>3</b> Easter	<b>4</b> FONZ Seasonal Jobs Available (673-4640)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NZP Symposium for the Public Begins (673-4866)	<b>9</b> Spring Classes for Children Begin
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>





**MAY 1988**

*The bill of the toco toucan (Ramphastos toco) makes up almost one-third of the bird's total length. This enormous yet lightweight bill may have evolved to enable the toucan to reach berries on the tips of branches too thin to support its weight, or to extract eggs from the nests of cavity-nesting birds.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 FONZ Seasonal Jobs Available (673-4640)	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			





**JUNE 1988**

*Fossil evidence suggests that Barbary macaques (Macaca sylvanus) originated in Northern Europe and slowly spread across the continent and into Northern Africa, where the plant life resembles that of Mediterranean Europe. Over the past 10,000 years, human activities such as clear-cutting forests have reduced this species' once-wide range to remnants of habitat along Africa's Barbary coast.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3 FONZ ZooNight for Members A-M	4
5	6 FONZ Seasonal Jobs Available (673-4640)	7	8	9	10 ZooNight Rain Date A-M	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 FONZ ZooNight for Members N-Z	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24 ZooNight Rain Date N-Z	25 Summer Classes for Children Begin
26	27 Children's Summer Safari Program Begins	28	29	30	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	





**JULY 1988**

*Southeast Asia's small-clawed otter (Aonyx cinerea) uses its dextrous forepaws to capture the crustaceans, mollusks, and frogs that make up its diet in the wild. As Zoo biologists have discovered, providing the Zoo's otters with clams, minnows, and crayfish increases their activity, for even well-fed otters seem to enjoy hunting for their natural foods.*



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NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# AUGUST 1988

*Zoologists recently discovered that some vocalizations of the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) occur at sound frequencies below the range of human hearing. Elephants may use these infrasonic calls for long-distance communication, which may explain how sudden mass movements of widely-separated groups of elephants are coordinated.*



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		





**SEPTEMBER 1988**

*The vivid skin color of White's tree frog (Litoria caerulea) is an adaptation to its diurnal activity patterns, which are unusual among tree frogs. Native to Australia and New Guinea, this common frog comes down from the trees only to breed in grassy meadows.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Rosh Hashanah	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Yom Kippur	22	23	24 Fall Classes for Children Begin
25	26	27	28	29	30	





**OCTOBER 1988**

*Although greatly exaggerated, the wolf's (Canis lupus) reputation as a savage predator on livestock stymies efforts to restore the species to Yellowstone and other natural areas in North America.*



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10 Columbus Day  
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20 FONZ Annual  
Meeting

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29 FONZ  
Halloween Party

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31 Halloween





# NOVEMBER 1988

*Well-developed eyes afford the ghost crab (*Ocypode quadrata*) almost 360° vision and the ability to detect form, color, and brightness. When the crab spots a predator, it escapes back-first into a burrow in the sand. Once concealed, only its eye stalks protrude above the surface.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		





**DECEMBER 1988**

*The striking mane of the male lion (Panthera leo) is a rarity in the world of cats where the greater size of males is usually the only obvious distinction between the sexes. Larger body size, and the impression of still greater size created by the mane, is an advantage for males when they compete for females.*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____				1	2	3
4 Chanukah	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 FONZ Holiday Party	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31



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